

KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS DISTRICT I, PADUCAH

PUBLIC MEETING

US 60 RECONSTRUCTION

RECONSTRUCT FROM STAFFORD ROAD TO THE BALLARD – MCCRACKEN COUNTY LINE

BALLARD COUNTY

ITEM NO. 115.00

Tuesday, February 10, 2004 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. CST

OFFICE COMPLEX, SUITE 2
WEST KENTUCKY TECHNOLOGY PARK
KEVIL, KENTUCKY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this project is to construct a new four lane road for US60. This construction will relieve congestion through Kevil, encourage the use of US60 as a route for freight movement and improve safety by providing alignments and roadway widths that meet current standards. The project will also support continued economic development in Ballard County.

This is part of a long range plan to 4-lane US60 west of Paducah. Construction of 4 lanes has been completed from KY 1154 to Paducah and design is underway on another project to provide 4 lanes from the Ballard-McCracken County line to KY 1154. Preliminary work is beginning on a project to extend the 4 lanes to the east limits of LaCenter.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project begins approximately 1.8 miles west of Kevil at the intersection of US60 and Stafford Road (mile point 14.712). The project extends east past Kevil to the Ballard-McCracken County line. US60 through the project area is a two-lane road. Lane widths are eleven(11) feet. Shoulders are two to four feet wide through most of the project.

The existing road does not meet current geometric standards and sight distance is restricted at several locations. The posted speed limit is generally 55 MPH except through the city of Kevil where it is 35 MPH west of KY473 and 45 MPH east of KY473. There are two sharp horizontal curves within the project limits, one approximately 0.2 miles west of Kevil and the other approximately one mile west of Kevil.

Along the existing route there are approximately fifty-three (53) homes, twenty-four (24) businesses, ten (10) mobile homes, an apartment complex (20 units), nine (9) duplexes, one church and a natural gas utility station.

The typical section will consist of four (4) lanes (two – twelve foot lanes in each direction), outside shoulders of twelve (12) feet (10 foot paved) and inside shoulders of six (6) feet (4 foot paved) with a twenty-eight (28) foot depressed grass median. The project will have partial control of access with a 1200 foot minimum spacing between access points. Geometry will be based on a sixty (60) MPH design speed.

ALTERNATES

Alternate 1 begins on existing US60 at Stafford Road and closely parallels the existing road on the south side for approximately one mile. Alternate 1 then leaves the existing road and goes around the south side of Kevil passing south of the Kevil Lagoon, north of the Bowles Trotter Track and south of the Industrial Park. At the Ballard-McCracken County line it connects with another project that is currently in the design phase.

Alternate 2 begins on US60 at Stafford Road then turns to the north through open terrain. Alternate 2 crosses existing US60 approximately one mile west of the Kevil west City limits, then swings to the south and connects with Alternate 1 just east of the Kevil Lagoon. From that point, Alternate 2 and Alternate 1 are the same.

A <u>FIVE LANE URBAN ROADWAY</u> along the existing route through Kevil was also considered. The typical section for this alternate consists of four lanes (two – twelve (12) foot lanes in each direction) with a fourteen (14) foot two way left turn lane in the center and curb, gutter and sidewalks on both sides. This alternative would have a lower design speed (35 MPH – 45 MPH) than Alternates 1 and 2 and would not reduce the number of access points.

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF COST

	Right of Way	Utilities	Construction	Total
ALTERNATE 1	\$4,100,000	\$2,050,000	\$12,600,000	\$18,750,000
ALTERNATE 2	\$4,100,000	\$2,050,000	\$12,600,000	\$18,750,000
5 LANE URBAN	\$9,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$16,000,000	\$31,000,000

SCHEDULE

The current six year plan outlines the project schedule as follows:

Right of Way Acquisition	Utility Relocation	Construction
FY 2006	NON SIX YEAR	NON SIX YEAR

Please feel free to record any comments concerning the project on the sheet provided at the end of the handout.

We thank you for your participation!

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The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet asks that you record any comments on this form so they can be given full consideration for the subject project. Please return this form to any KTC personnel present this evening or mail to the following address: (*Please respond by February 25, 2004*).

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Name:	Phone (optional):	
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PLEASE COMMENT BEI	LOW: (Additional pages may be used if necessary.)	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!